

# BAN JOHNSON SAYS 1910 SEASON WAS AMERICAN LEAGUE BEST

## LEAGUE PRESIDENT PRAISES UMPIRES

Bancroft Johnson Highly Pleased With 1910 Season.  
Lauds Behavior of Players and General Management of Games—His Review.

By BAN B. JOHNSON.  
President American League.

The season of 1910 was one of the most successful in the annals of organized baseball, despite the loss of large revenue to every league under the national agreement from unfavorable weather conditions in the spring and lack of competition for the championship in both the major leagues, and in the most important of the minor leagues, in the closing stages of their respective pennant races.

Notwithstanding these heavy handicaps the American League lived up to its splendid record, inaugurated in 1901, of increasing the volume of its business over the preceding season.

The decisive victory of the Athletics, the first Eastern team to qualify for the world's series since 1905, over the Cubs, furnished a fitting finale to the banner year of our organization. In my judgment, those who on performance conceded the pennant to the Philadelphia team do not fully realize the present and prospective strength of at least two of the representatives in each sectional division of our league.

### Cobb's Glory.

This triumph was supplemented by Cobb, an American League player, capturing the Chalmers trophy emblematic of the batting championship of the world by a margin so small that the donors of the prize presented an automobile of the same make and equal value to LaJole, the runner-up. All the National League candidates for the batting honors were practically eliminated from the contest before September by the remarkable record of the American League leader.

The dedication of Comiskey Park on July 1 was a memorable occasion, and the attendance to the end of the season attested the appreciation by the White Sox patrons of the superb accommodations afforded them by the liberality of President Comiskey.

The Boston Red Sox, who have recently acquired title to its grounds, which will be improved in 1911, every American League club now owns the property on which its park is or soon will be located.

### Praise for Players.

The department of managers and players in 1910 games was fully up to the high standard of sportsmanship and discipline maintained by the American League with the cordial co-operation of its club owners and the hearty approval of the press and public. Every member of the 1910 staff of umpires was on duty in 1910, and with the exception of Kerin, whom ill-health unfitted for strenuous service, all were on duty at the close of the season.

Colliflower, who was given temporary employment during Kerin's incapacity, was not retained and the vacancy has been filled by the engagement of John Mullin, whose splendid work in the Western League led to his appointment over many applicants.

With pardonable pride, I desire to call attention to the fact that in every championship game of the American League during 1909 and 1910 one or more of its regular umpires officiated, there-

by doing away with the unsatisfactory practice of substituting players selected from the opposing teams for the discharge of duties for which only experienced nonpartisan officials are properly equipped.

### About D. A. Fletcher.

The so-called All-Star League exploited by D. A. Fletcher did not progress beyond the period of promotion because several elements essential to the establishment of an independent organization in the most important cities of the country did not enter into the project. As the scheme failed to attract capital, no provision was made for the purchase or lease of park sites and the erection of structures of modern proportions and services of men capable of conducting major league teams were not secured.

As a mark of appreciation of the merit of one of its former club owners and managers and an expression of sorrow over his untimely end, the flag at every American League park was displayed at halfstaff in games played between the time of the death and interment of the late Thomas J. Loftus, and its president and as many of its club owners as could attend followed his remains to their last resting place. Organized baseball suffered a great loss when this pioneer of the game passed away.

### Sale of Browns.

The sale of Mr. Hedges' holdings in the St. Louis club was practically concluded before the American League was asked to approve the change in the ownership of that plant. His retirement from the league was purely voluntary and all statements to the contrary are without foundation. The new stockholders of the St. Louis club are men of fortune and business enterprise, and I am confident the Browns will in a short time make a showing that will be satisfactory to their patrons and creditable to the city that they represent.

### Hopes for Peace.

In common with all who concede that the best interests of organized baseball require the continuation of conditions and relations under which the game has attained phenomenal prosperity, I deplore the differences that have arisen in the national association, and trust that an amicable adjustment will be reached without the interference of the major leagues.

That organization has over fifty leagues in its membership whose aggregate pay roll exceeds \$60,000 a month. A few of the leagues of the lower classification did not remain in the field throughout 1910, but as a whole the minor leagues are permanent institutions.

The national agreement, to which the St. Louis club is a party, is broad enough for the proper conduct of the game on the plane of sportsmanship and square dealing, if those directly interested measure up to the requirements and will devote themselves to getting results under existing conditions without seeking concessions for selfish aggrandizement.

## NAPS TO GO SOUTH LATER THIS SPRING

McGuire's Team Will Not Spend So Much Time at Training Camps.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—Definite plans have been made for the training trip of the Naps this year by Secretary Blackwood.

As predicted, the players will not spend as much time in the South as last year. Then, the first squad left here February 13. The start this year will be made on February 25, the squad arriving at Alexandria on February 27. Scout Sam Kennedy and Secretary Blackwood will depart for the South on March 15. Blackwood will assume the business management of the first squad, while Kennedy will take charge of the second team when Alexandria is left behind.

Slight changes have been made in the exhibition trip of the second squad. Owing to a mix-up in its schedule, Oklahoma has been forced to cancel its games with the Naps and consequently March 24, 25, and 26 are open dates. They may be filled by St. Joseph of the Western League, which has been desirous of booking the Clevelanders.

Dates that were open on Secretary Blackwood's preliminary schedule have been filled by arranging games at Quincy and Danville, Ill., Jack McCarthy, the former Nap, being manager at the latter city. Another addition to the schedule of the second team will be the appearance of that section of the club at Akron, April 3. It will be the first time that the Naps have ever played an exhibition game in that city.

The revised spring schedule of the Naps is as follows:

TEAM NO. 1.  
At Alexandria, March 25 to 27.  
At Chattanooga, March 28 to April 2.  
At Cincinnati, April 3, 4, 5, and 6.  
At Columbus, April 7 and 8.  
At Toledo, April 9 and 10.

TEAM NO. 2.  
March 24, 25, and 26, open.  
March 27, 28, and 29, at Kansas City.  
March 30, at Quincy.  
March 31, at Danville.  
April 1 and 2, at Terre Haute.  
April 3, 4, and 5, at Louisville.  
April 6, at Dayton.  
April 7 and 8, at Cleveland with the Toledo club.  
April 9, at Akron.

**Johnstown Is Warned.**  
ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 2.—President Charles F. Carpenter has written to the president of the Johnstown Baseball Club informing him that failure of Johnstown to qualify at the Tri-State meeting January 6 will result in the franchise and players reverting to the league.

## JEFFRIES IS RICH IN WORLD'S GOODS

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Even if you get licked by a negro once in your life, it pays to be a fighter.

If you don't believe this little remark, just drop a query to James J. Jeffries, once heavyweight champion of the world, but now a retired gentleman of means with a rent, white and fine city home, a country place, and a business manager.

Jim's the real bond-clipping kid now, and very rarely descends to the plebeian mode of travel—the street car—because, you see, Jim's the possessor of just loads of cash.

He has a ranch of 105 acres at Burbank which is valued at the small sum of \$50,000, then there's his city mansion, which could be assessed for \$55,000 without overvaluation; his saloon interest runs the grand total up another \$50,000; he has mortgages on various city business property which total \$150,000, making a grand final in figures of \$245,000, and that's a low estimate on his possessions.

But that Benji thing still rankles, and James has been heard to remark, once at least, since the affair in the sagebrush town, that he would rather be a poor man and the retired undefeated champion of "em all" than a bloated bondholder.

James' fight through with the stage, fight ring, and all other kinds of public life.

**Big Curling Match.**  
BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—Arrangements were made for the annual curling match between the Country Club and the Royal Montreal Club of Canada to be played at Montreal January 25. Four rinks of local players will make the journey for the event, which is one of an international character.

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## HILDRETH AT HEAD OF WINNING OWNERS

For First Time in Six Years Philadelphia Team Competes for Honors Here This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—For the first time in six years Sam Hildreth leads the list of winning turfmen for 1910.

For the five previous years this honor fell to James R. Keene, but last year Keene raced only on the Metropolitan circuit, while Hildreth campaigned his big string all over the United States and into Canada. His winnings for the year were \$144,025, nearly \$300,000 more than Keene's horses picked up.

Keene, however, lost the honor through a bit of bad judgment, the sale of Novelties to Hildreth. Some evil genius told the veteran New York turfman to let Novelties go, and he heeded the tip. Novelties won \$72,630 during the year, and the simplest mathematics will show that this sum subtracted from Hildreth's total leaves him with \$71,395, which would have kept the New Yorker in the lead.

Dalmatian and Fitz Herbert were Hildreth's two other big winners in a string of eighteen horses. R. T. Wilson had his best year on the turf, despite the decadence of the game in the Metropolitan district. His horses won \$65,765.

**Cardinals Sell Johnson.**  
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Pitcher Rankin Johnson, of the Cardinals, was sold to the Newark Eastern League club, Johnson was obtained from the Galveston, Tex., team.

**Fire Starts Phillippe**  
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 2.—Deacon Phillippe, Pittsburgh's veteran pitcher, says he would be a farmer instead of a ball player had not the barn on his farm in North Dakota burned down. That was just before Phillippe went to Louisville from Milwaukee.

"Barney Dreyfuss' offer was too low for the big league, I thought, and I decided to go back to my farm," said Phillippe. "My barn and live stock burned and I had no insurance. I had to sign up then to make a living."

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By HARRY WARD.

The international sweepstakes race at 500 miles on the Indianapolis motor speedway on Decoration Day promises to be one of the greatest automobile events of the year.

A purse of \$25,000 will be hung up by the promoters, in addition to which various accessory manufacturers will offer substantial prizes to the drivers of the three first cars. It has been figured that on a mileage basis the winner will receive \$5 for every mile driven, and as each car must develop a speed of seventy-five miles an hour before being allowed to compete, exciting sport is in prospect. The international character of the race is assured, as the French, German, and Italian makers are as much interested as the American automobile builders. It is expected the greatest array of driving talent ever seen in action will participate in the seven-hour speed battle.

W. C. Long, of the Commercial Automobile and Supply Company, has received word that the Flanders "29" Harward, the former world's nonstop record of 10,974 miles at Los Angeles Saturday, the car is still running perfectly, and it is now intended to send the machine after a nonstop record that will stand for some time.

Emerson & Orme today are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the opening of their new salesroom at 1407 H street. The newest addition to Washington's automobile salesrooms is equipped with every modern convenience.

"The fact that the Willis-Overland Company has determined to make no cut in the price of Overland cars during the 1911 season, is pleasing news to every Overland dealer," said R. C. Smith, president of the Overland-Washington Motor Company. "It establishes the fact the factory is on a firm basis, and indicates the company will dispose of its output without resorting to price cutting," continued Mr. Smith.

What undoubtedly will be the greatest automobile show from every standpoint ever held in this country or in Europe, will be inaugurated in Madison Square Garden, next Saturday, January 7, at 8 o'clock, and will continue for two weeks. The forthcoming affair, held under the auspices of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, will really be two shows in one—part one, which will be held during the week of January 7 to 14, being devoted exclusively to passenger or pleasure vehicles, while commercial vehicles, electric carriages, and motorcycles will be shown in the last two periods of the show, lasting from January 15 to 21. A comprehensive display of accessories and parts will be included during both exhibitions. There will be more than 60 different displays during both periods.

Intercity automobile records are being broken with every succeeding day. The latest record to be hung up by the Reno is the trip from Topeka to Kansas City, which was made in two hours and thirty-eight minutes for the distance of seventy-seven miles. The car was the same used by L. I. Whitman when he lowered the New York-San Francisco record by nearly five days.

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## MURPHY SUGGESTS COLLEGE LEAGUE

Penn's Coach and Trainer Advocates Circuit of Schools in Baseball—Football Championship Greatly in Doubt—Cornell Best in Rowing.

By MICHAEL C. MURPHY.

Coach University of Pennsylvania Athletic Teams and Trainer of American Championship Olympic Team of 1908.

Anyone who has followed the inter-collegiate championships in 1910 will notice how close were the contests in each event.

Take the track championships held at Franklin Field: first one college, then another, would be in the lead. It was only in the very last event that Pennsylvania won out by two points, with the smallest total that has ever won. Never before has the winner scored less than thirty points. The score does not begin to tell how close was the struggle. Every event was a splendid struggle, with large fields of contestants in each.

### Baseball Also Close.

The baseball championship was equally close. Penn won one from Princeton and tied one, won two from Yale and lost two. Unfortunately, they did not play Harvard. They also won two out of three from Cornell. Princeton won from Yale and Harvard and Yale beat Harvard. Cornell had as good a nine as any. This puts the championship up to Penn and Princeton, and as Penn won a game from Princeton, she has the best claim to this championship, with Princeton second.

### Cornell Rowing Champion.

Cornell carried off everything in rowing, as she about always does. That

great old "war horse," Courtney, does wonders in this line, but he has better opportunities at Cornell than at either Penn or Columbia.

Harvard has made wonderful progress in rowing in the last four or five years. I remember it used to be a foregone conclusion that Yale would win at New London. We used to be sorry that Harvard could not turn out a crew that would give us a race. For several years now it has been the other way about. The football championship is more in doubt than any of them, yet Harvard has a little the best claim because she was not defeated and had only one tie. Penn and Michigan have the best claim to the next two places, no big team won from either and they played each other's tie. Yale beat Princeton and Brown won from Yale. There would be a big bowl in "Tiger Town" if one were to place Brown ahead of its team, and rightly, too.

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